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Photo submitted by Dara Miller

**SNOW DAY** - Kids were happy to be out of school Friday and Monday to enjoy the winter weather. Here, Rhaea Mathis slides down a hill with step-father Brett Miller. Rhaea is the daughter of Dara Miller and Jeremy Mathis. She is the granddaughter of Stella Mathis.

## Mullins to retire as PVA

After 28 years of service in the Hickman County Property Valuation Administrator's office, Anita Mullins has decided that she will retire at the end of the current term.



Anita Mullins

Mullins first came to work in the office in 1985, while her mother, Betty Caldwell, was PVA. She learned some valuable lessons during those first years and took over as PVA when her mother passed away in June of 1993. A lot of aspects of the job have changed since then.

"A lot of stuff was done by hand when I started," she said. "We didn't have computer mapping... it's evolved a lot." Mullins said that the evolving technology has allowed for the office to do things that otherwise would not have been possible today with a staff of only three people. She has enjoyed her career in the office, and has made many friends through the years.

"A lot of people think you can't make friends in this job," she said, "but I've had a great bunch of people to work with in the county."

Mullins plans to retire when her current term expires on November 30, 2014 and travel with her husband, Ronnie Spillman, who retired 12 years ago from Goodyear. She has

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## Local Weather

**Wed 12/11** 40/10

Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low teens.

**Thu 12/12** 32/16

Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 30s and lows in the mid teens.

**Fri 12/13** 41/32

Mix of light rain and freezing rain.

**Sat 12/14** 42/28

Few showers. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper 20s.

**Sun 12/15** 39/20

Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the low 20s.

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## Winter storm shuts down local businesses, schools, and events

DANIEL RICHARDSON

By the time the ice started coming down in Hickman County last Thursday night, local officials and civic groups had already decided to postpone the many events scheduled for the busy weekend and "wait out the storm." With the Winter Storm of 2009 still fresh on everyone's mind, residents scurried to gather the necessary resources to burrow in for a few days. Grocery stores sold out of bread and milk, tractors and generators were gassed up and ready to go, and road crews made preparations to quickly respond to the first sign of trouble.

Area schools were closed and sporting events cancelled, including the Hickman County Falcons home opener against St. Mary. Saturday's long string of events including the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts, Crafts, and Book Fair, the cookies, snow punch, and photos with Santa event, the courthouse Christmas tree lighting ceremony and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Parade of Lights have



**PUSHING ICE** - A state highway truck scrapes ice off South Washington Street Friday afternoon.

Photo by Daniel Richardson

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## New Bethel plays big role in Operation Christmas Child

JESSICA COOLEY



Photo by Jessica Cooley

New Bethel Youth group members load the church van full with the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

New Bethel Baptist church is a small church making a big difference! These past few weeks, the New Bethel youth group has been spending their time packing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Operation Christmas Child is a program done through Samaritan's Purse; this program has been spreading God's word to children all over the world since 1993. In this program participants pack a shoebox with toys, toiletries, and sometimes clothing. These shoeboxes are then sent to one of the many loading locations and are delivered to children throughout the world. Also along with the shoebox, the child is given a bible that is translated into their own language.

The first stage of the packing began with shopping for the things that would be packed in the boxes. This happened on a Saturday when the group gathered and shopped for the following items that would be placed in the boxes: tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, soap, wash cloths, toys, coloring books, crayons, deodorant, hats, gloves, and candy. The next stage was packing the boxes. The group spent one of their Wednesday night services, after a devotional, packing the items. Along with the items listed, a photo of the youth group and a letter from the youth members was packed. The last stage was delivering the boxes to a loading station. The group met again on a Saturday and traveled to a loading station in Paducah where they loaded the boxes

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A worker hangs one of the snowflake lights that now adorn several telephone poles throughout Clinton.

## Arts Fair, parade postponed

By Ivan Potter  
Hickman County Arts Council

The Arts Fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 in the Hickman County Elementary School gym from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Santa's Village will be held on the Courthouse square at 4 p.m. before the Christmas tree lighting at 5:30 and Christmas Parade of Lights at 6 p.m.

These simple words have deep meaning for many of us who stood on porches last Thursday as snow and ice attacked our little part of the world. Newscasters were rerunning video of the 2009 Ice Storm, telling us just how bad it would get if the power was to fail again.

The decision by local groups to postpone their events was in favor of the safety of the public, which outweighs the rush into the Christmas Season. What has been an eight-year Annual Arts Fair was now dealt an old-fashioned Mother Nature snow and ice fit. With a forecast of several inches of hard ice and snow hitting the far western section of the Jackson Purchase, little doubt was left on the need to regroup and plan for another day.

Standing on my front porch late Friday, I watched as ice crystals coated the butterfly bushes and the wind stung my cheeks with tiny ice petals. No doubt our decision was right not to hold the Arts Fair. Yet, I stopped to marvel in my mind at the image of more than 40 artists and authors coming together each year in a chorus of artistic spirit.

The Arts, Crafts, and Book Fair is rapidly becoming the major art event for the Christmas Season within the eight counties of the Jackson Purchase. Between 50 and 60 artists

## SEMI GOES OFF-ROAD IN CLINTON

This woodchip hauler owned by C and D Trucking out of Huntingdon, Tenn. and driven by Cameron Orr lost control and ran off the road Thursday across from Clinton-Hickman County ICF. No other vehicles were involved and no one was injured in the accident. The truck did take out a utility pole as it left the roadway, causing work crews to work onsite throughout the day Thursday and again on Monday. (Photo by Jennifer Nuckolls.)



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Habitat offers chance to share holiday cheer

For the past six years, the huge Christmas trees that have graced Rockefeller Center in New York City have been donated by Tishman Speyer, owner of the center, to be milled into lumber for Habitat for Humanity houses in New York and New Jersey.

What an amazing way to honor the strength and beauty of these 80-foot-tall trees, lending their strength and long lives to new homes for about six houses every year.

The Christmas trees we decorate our homes with have neither the girth nor height for them to be milled into lumber.

Yet, we have the same opportunity to give strength and beauty to future local Habitat partner families by donating some of our holiday gifts.

The Fulton-Hickman Counties Habitat affiliate invites you to give a monetary gift in honor or memory of someone this season. We have specially prepared cards to acknowledge the gift to your chosen recipient, and your contribution, as always, is tax deductible. We will mail you a receipt for your tax records.

Decent, affordable housing is something most of us take for granted. Because of your ongoing financial and volunteer help, there are now 10 families in Habitat homes in Fulton and Hickman counties, homes they might never have been able to afford except through the partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

Your contributions to Habitat are truly gifts that keep on giving, not only to the partner families but also to our communities as these families thrive and prosper and continue to give back to Hickman, Fulton, and Clinton.

You may contact Cherry Pyron, 627-0907, for more information or you may mail your contribution to Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 1655, Fulton, Ky. 42041.

Just think of your contribution as a splendid addition to your own holiday decorations!



The New Bethel Baptist Church youth group packed a total of 100 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Shown from left to right are Alyssa Keeling, Dylan Hudson, Maiesha Simmons, Hailey Dixon, Kevin Keeling Jr., Peyton Rodriguez, Carly Whitlock, Jessica Cooley. Bottom left to right: Danielle Cruse, Kaleb Keeling, Emily Cooley, and Zack Evans.

## New Bethel From Pg. 1

onto a truck that would take them to where they needed to go. A few youth group members wanted to share what this experience meant for them: Alyssa Keeling said, “It’s a good experience. It felt good to

help pack shoe boxes for little kids who have probably never gotten a present before and to tell them Merry Christmas and Jesus loves them.” Kevin Keeling Jr. said, “I’m glad I got the chance to help give to those

less fortunate than me because I am so blessed.” Emily Cooley said, “It was really fun knowing that I could help kids in need this Christmas.”

Christmas is the season of giving, and through this

program New Bethel not only helped give children these material things, they also helped them come to know Jesus, the reason for the season.

## Winter Storm From Pg. 1

all been pushed back to this Saturday, Dec. 14.

Surprisingly, the Hickman County Sheriff’s Office and Clinton Police Department did not receive the first call relating to the weekend snow and ice. Businesses all over town either closed early or did not open on Saturday and Sunday, and several of those who had to get out, such as nurses at Clinton-Hickman County ICF and dispatchers at the Hickman County Detention Center were transported home from work by Hickman County Sheriff Mark Green in a military grade Humvee that the office received from the state via the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) program two years ago.

First Community Bank closed at noon on Friday and Clinton Bank closed at 12:30. Jewell Mart closed at 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

One business that held to its normal hours was Clinton Hardware, where owner Lloyd Callison says he had several customers during the storm.

The brine mixture put down on city streets by the City of



**SHOVELLING IT OFF** - Clinton Hardware owner Lloyd Callison tests out some of his inventory by shovelling snow off of the sidewalk in front of his store in Clinton on Monday. Clinton Hardware was one of the few businesses that stayed open for a full day on Friday.

spokesman Keith Todd said in a weekend interview.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of the weekend was how prepared residents and officials were for the winter event. Area residents seemed not to have been bothered by the adverse conditions as they patiently waited for ice to clear off the roads. Road crews were on standby throughout the county to respond to any mishap, like trees that fell over the road just north of Clinton Friday morning that were cleaned up in minutes, or power outages in areas that were repaired immediately.

“HFRECC, initiated its Emergency Response Plan early last week, and started staging necessary manpower, equipment and resources in the event that the system was compromised by Winter Storm Cleo, we were much better prepared for this event, we planned for the worst and hoped for the best,” Hickman Fulton Counties RECC CEO Greg

Grissom stated. “This time we were spared, the storm did not have a significant impact, but we were very pleased with our planning and response in the preparation phase, and having the warehouse and laydown yard for staging inventory and equipment, something that was a huge issue during the 2009 ice storm. Our employees worked as a cohesive team, as unit leaders for the outside crews as they arrived Thursday and Friday.”

“A lot of people we doing a lot of work on Wednesday and Thursday,” Hickman County Judge Executive Greg Pruitt said on Monday. “We had everyone sitting on ready if we had to have a shelter.”

Pruitt said that county roads, especially those that get very little traffic and have trees to provide shade, are still icy and will likely remain that way for a few days. County road crews are out with blades on asphalt roads, other roads with take longer to clear.

## Postponed From Pg. 1

gather from all over the region. Based upon past attendance, it is expected that from 1,000 to 2,000 people will shop at the event this year. Cherry Pyron will lead a small army of cooks, serving up to 400 meals during the Fair. The Jammers, a local music group consisting of Charles and Denise Berryhill, Sonny Brazzell, and Robert Armbruster, will provide live music throughout the day. Students will be on hand to assist shoppers.

In this place we call Clinton, Kentucky and the federal government calls a frontier (no longer do we have a population large enough to be called “rural” by the US Census Bureau), each year a little bit of Christmas magic erupts. Common folk become

great artists, songsters, potters, bakers, jewelers, weavers of metal, paper, cloth and wood, and writers of stories. Artists and craftsmen practice the skills of their forefathers, creating despite flooding rivers, searing droughts, winter blizzards and ice storms in hard times, and good times.

All workers are volunteers. Each person gives of time and material in order to help establish a stronger arts presence in Hickman County. The Arts Council uses profits from the Arts Fair for projects like beautification, high school and elementary art programs, music workshops, writers’ events, photo contests, and new ways of enriching life in our county.

The Parade of Lights

brings together floats made by churches, non-profit organizations, businesses and just folks to make a statement of Christmas light against the cold and darkness of winter. Each year, some 200 to 300 local people are involved in the Parade. Each year, 2,000 to 3,000 people come to Clinton to watch.

At the end of the day on Saturday, Dec. 14, we hope all participating will share a warm glow within their hearts. Each will have been part of a unique outpouring of talents and skills.

Bad weather only delayed us. We will gather Saturday for a celebration of life, spirit, and talent. It is our tradition to give thanks in this Christmas Season for who we are and where we are. In a place we call home.

## Mullins From Pg. 1

two children, Dawn Mathis, who currently serves as Deputy Judge Executive,

and Ryan Mullins, who lives in Madisonville. Her three grandchildren include Jordan

Mathis (16), Madelyn Mathis (12), and Ethan Mullins (11).

*“A lot of people were doing a lot of work on Wednesday and Thursday”*

**Greg Pruitt  
Hickman County Judge  
Executive**

Clinton was of little help as the rain washed the salt off the streets before it turned to ice, and many streets are still covered with a layer of ice, making even the shortest commutes a challenge for the Monday morning return to work. Icy road conditions forced school officials to close local schools again on Monday, as continued passes with plow trucks failed to remove the deepest layers of ice.

“Our crews would much rather have 10 inches of snow than a tenth of an inch of ice. Any time ice is involved, the rules change,” Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

## District Court

Not an official court docket

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II in Hickman County District Court on 12/9/13. This is not an official docket.

Wynita M. Dillard. Disregarding Stop Sign. Amend to Improper Equipment. \$25 fine.

Randolph G. Pullins. Speeding 10 Mph. Over Limit. Pleaded guilty. \$20 fine. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security, 1<sup>st</sup>. Dismiss on proof.

Josh Screen. Terroristic Threatening, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (three counts). Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 1/13/14.

Tracy Lynn Vermillion. Local City Ordinance. Pleaded guilty. \$250 fine, suspended.

Michael S. McKinney. Diversion Completion. Dismiss as compliant.

Valarie V. Minor. Diversion Completion. Dismiss as compliant.

Todd B. Lemons. Show Cause Hearing. Continued to

12/23/13.

Willie C. Pirtle. Show Cause Hearing. Proof shown.

Joshua S.Damron. Review. Proof shown.

Loretta Gray. Review. Review continued to 1/6/14.

Marilyn Whitehead. Assessment filed. Proof shown.

Kristin Bond. Pleaded guilty to Improper Equipment. \$25 fine, suspended.

Marcus D. McClam. Pretrial Conference continued to 1/20/14.

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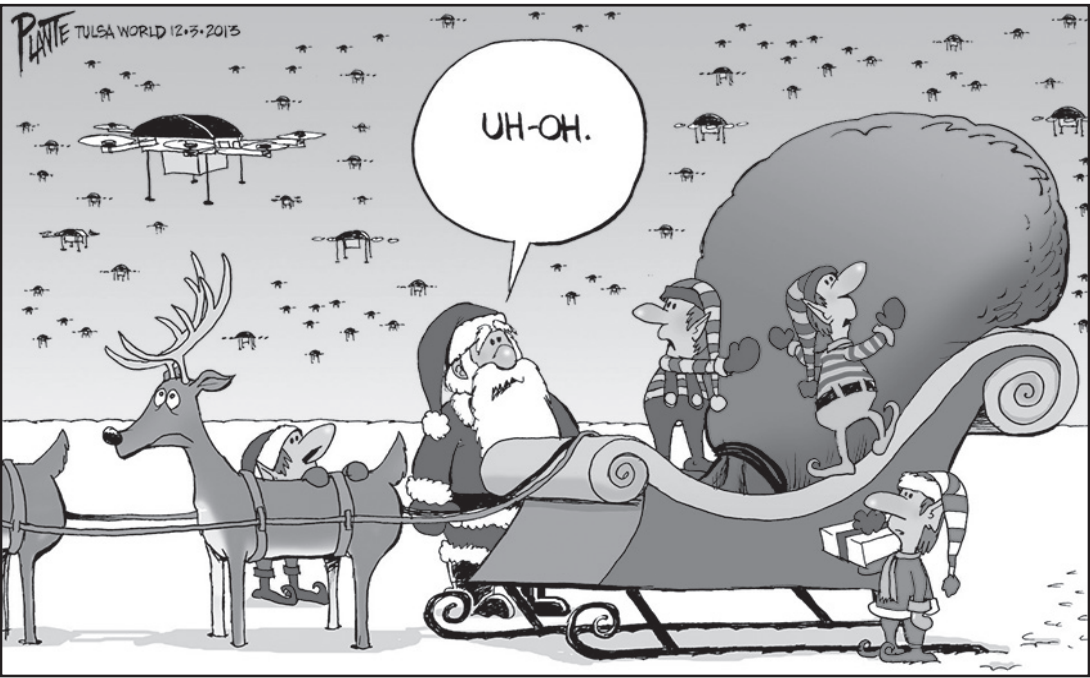
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LOCAL NEWS/OPINION



Pride and Tradition never graduate

By BARRY DANOWSKI

“Pride and tradition never graduate!”

It’s a profound phrase that has rung true for Mayfield’s storied football program since the late 1970’s.

But since 2002, that mantra has never been more appropriate.

Since head coach Joe Morris guided the Cardinals to his first Class A state championship in 2002 with a talented squad that dumped longtime nemesis Danville for the first time ever and went undefeated along the way, the Mayfield Cardinals have captured four state championships in seven attempts.

Mayfield’s success in recent years is almost unheard of. Since 2009, the Cardinals have played in five consecutive state championship games (winning titles in 2010, 2012 and 2013) while going 70-5. Over the past four seasons, Mayfield’s 2013 senior class has laid claim to three state championships while reeling off 42 wins (with a perfect 32-0 record at home in four seasons) with just three losses.

“That’s not my record,” said Morris after Mayfield clinched its’ tenth state crown since 1977 with a resounding 42-0 shutout victory over Williamsburg on Friday afternoon at Western Kentucky University’s Felix Field. “It’s not about me. It’s about the kids and our staff. That record is our record. While as the head coach I may make the final decisions, our assistant coaches have a lot of responsibility. We as a staff come up with a game plan, tweak it and make it as simple as possible so our kids don’t have to think on the field. We just want them to play.”

If Morris could bottle up his formula for success and sell it at football clinics across the country, he would be a multi-millionaire. But it’s not a magical potion that Morris has concocted in a chemistry laboratory, Mayfield’s achievements on the field are a combination of many factors that mold one of Kentucky’s most powerful programs. According to Morris, the foundation all starts at the elementary school level – that’s where a handful of former players mold wide-eyed little Cardinals who aspire for state championships. Football players learn the basic run plays and a couple of pass plays before

heading to Mayfield Middle School, where the offense and defense are expanded.

“You’ve got a man like Robert Barclay, who is a former player, who gives of his time at the middle school for over 30 years,” Morris said. “He’s not only a great coach, but he’s also a great person.”

The wealth of football knowledge that floats around the Jack Morris Athletic Training Facility is another weapon in Mayfield’s arsenal. Morris is blessed with a staff that is comprised of assistant coaches who have been head coaches at other stops in their coaching careers and young coaches who are sure to be courted by other schools. Defensive coordinator Cliff Dew is the former head coach at North Pontotoc High School in Mississippi. Assistant coach Anthony Hatchell had head coaching stops at Anderson County, Graves County and Caldwell County before retiring. Offensive coordinator Stephen Hatchell, Anthony Hatchell’s son, has mastered the Cardinals’ fast-tempo, spread offense that seldom huddles and racks up yards by the bushel.

“As a staff, we all get along really well and mesh together well,” Morris said. “Everyone knows their role. We’re all in it for the same reason, the kids. Not only are they great football coaches, they are great people. We don’t come to work. We come to do something that we love.”

While Morris is quick to give all the credit to his players over the years and the assistant coaches and administrators that work tirelessly to maintain the level of excellence that Cardinal fans have come to expect, the former center/nose guard (who played for his father, legendary Mayfield coach Jack Morris during the early 80’s) has been the key to Mayfield’s success over the past 15 seasons. Since 1999, the Cardinals are 171-43 under Joe Morris with a pair of 20-plus game winning streaks. From 2010 to 2011, Mayfield won 29 consecutive contests. The Cardinals won 23 straight during the 2012 and 2013 seasons.

“Joe has handled the success well,” Jack Morris said. “And he has the respect of his peers. He’s done a tremendous job of keeping that Mayfield tradition going.”

There’s no denying that football is in the Morris DNA.

Jack Morris, who is a member of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame, went 254-50-2 as head coach through 24 seasons with four state championships – 1977, 1978, 1985 and 1986. The Cardinals reeled off 31 consecutive victories under Jack Morris from 1977 through 1979 and made nine appearances in the finals.

“What Joe has done has been impressive and fun for me to watch,” said Jack Morris, who served as head coach at Mayfield from 1969-1992. “It’s been really a joy to sit and watch the job that the whole staff has done.”

Leahy, who was Jack Morris’ longtime defensive coordinator, led Mayfield to state championships in 1993 and 1998. Leahy went 2-1 in three appearances in the finals.

“I think that having coaches who you can trust and those who are loyal to you is more important than knowledge,” Jack Morris said. “You can always send coaches to clinics and they can learn more about the game by working under great coaches. But the main thing is to have a staff that has loyalty. They’ve got guys like Cliff Dew and Anthony Hatchell who have been head coaches and young coaches like Stephen Hatchell, Chris Champion and John Farris who are going to be really good coaches by working around good coaches.”

Mayfield ranks third in all-time wins in Kentucky (behind Highlands and Louisville Male) and has made 19 appearances in the state finals, winning ten crowns. The Cardinals rank fifth in state titles held behind powerhouses Highlands, Louisville Trinity, Louisville St. Xavier and Beechwood. Mayfield won back-to-back championships in 1977-1978, 1985-1986 and 2012-2013.

“That tradition goes a long ways back,” Joe Morris said. “They started playing football here at Mayfield in 1911. I’ve been fortunate to inherit that tradition. Kids here are expected to play football. And I guess there’s always been an expectation to win. It’s my job to keep that tradition going strong.”

“People across the state know about Mayfield because of Mayfield football,” Jack Morris said. “And I think that is something that we should be proud of.”

Spillman files for PVA, four others pass exam

Five Hickman County residents took and passed the statewide Property Valuation Administrator exam last month, while only one of those five has filed for next year’s election and one has filed for another office.

Amanda Spillman, who currently serves as Chief Deputy Clerk in Hickman County Clerk Jimbo Berry’s office, recently filed the necessary paperwork to appear on the ballot in May. Spillman has held the position of Chief Deputy Clerk since May of 2008.

“We work hand in hand with the PVA’s office and Anita (Mullins) has shared with me some of the details of the job,” she said. Spillman has two children, Hayden (16), who plays basketball at Hickman County High School, and Zoie (12) who cheers at HCHS.

Hickman County Jailer Chad Frizzell was among those to pass the statewide PVA exam, but has since filed for another



Amanda Spillman, Chief Deputy Clerk, has filed to run for the position of Property Valuation Administrator during the 2014 election.

term as Hickman County Jailer.

Three others who passed the exam include Michael Bugg, Gaylon Reynolds, and Clinton City Administrator Allen

Poole. Neither of these has said whether they will or will not run for the office. The filing deadline is January 28, 2014.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor:

On the night of December 2, when the “tones dropped” and the message came across my fire department pager, the tables were turned. I was the one who had called for help. And as they always do, the first responders of this county responded to the call ready to go to work. I know from working with these men and women for nearly 20 years that they will work tirelessly until the mission is completed. They are, in my eyes, some of the best people on earth. I cannot thank them or praise them enough for what they did for my family and what they do

every time the pager goes off for the citizens of this county.

You see, my uncle, George “Peewee” Beshears had left to go rabbit hunting early in the day, as it is one of his favorite pastimes. Late in the night, he had never returned home and our family began to look for him. Upon finding his truck, I did what I would do for anyone else in this situation. I called for a search team to be activated. After searching nearly an hour, my uncle was located with his faithful hunting dogs by his side. Unfortunately, he had passed away at some point earlier in the day. Our responders handled the situation in a professional

manner and took the steps necessary to see that our loved one was handled with care.

I want to thank the agencies involved: Hickman County Emergency Management, Hickman County Fire & Rescue, Clinton Fire Department, Columbus Fire Department, Clinton-Hickman County Ambulance Service, Hickman County Sheriff’s Office, Clinton Police Department and Hickman County Detention Center.

I also want to thank the neighbors and friends that came to help.

I will forever be grateful.  
Scott Smith



# My View

By Dennis Richardson

Christmas is here ... almost

There are only three newspapers between now and Christmas Day, counting this one. Yes “Christmas Day”... not “Holiday Day”. But I won’t go there in this column. This column is about how Christmas used to be as remembered as a child.

My dad passed away when I was two and I think I remember him sometimes but I don’t know for sure if I do.

Mother never remarried although she had plenty of opportunities. I guess she had her hands full rearing seven children.

We didn’t have supermarkets or large discount stores nearby and although we lived in Davidson County, trips to Nashville were by Greyhound bus once a year. We took the bus because it was a lot safer. Our mother didn’t even get her

driver’s license until dad died. She really didn’t need one. So trips by car were an adventure.

The corner grocery store owner delivered to the home after closing if we called in a list. Speaking of closing, almost all stores, and gas stations, would close by 5 or 6 p.m.

The only thinkable Christmas Tree option was to go cut down one of the cedar trees on our land. Guessing the right size was never easy and when we would drag up way that was way too tall it meant cutting some off the length.

Some time after Thanksgiving the Sears “Wish Book” arrived in the mail box. It was fun to go through it page by page to think what we would buy if somehow we came across a bunch of money. Since that didn’t happen, it was fun to imagine.

Finding just the right socks to hang on the mantle for stockings for Santa to fill was a challenge. They never seemed to be long enough for all the stuff on our list. On Christmas morning it was eye-catching to survey all the bulges and imagine what was in there. Some bulges were obvious: apples, oranges, tangerines, but some were not. So we would get the socks, turn them upside down, and dump everything out. Nuts, hard candies, small toys, and even a toothbrush were the norms. We didn’t get these items during the year so Christmas was a very special time.

Life was simpler then. Somehow it seemed more magical. But that’s remembering it all through the eyes of a child and just maybe what has really changed is my perception of it all.



## SECOND CUP

By Cory Ramsey



What is in a political border that it holds us so to tradition and defense of what that border encompasses? Kentucky is a land. Earth wrapped by rivers and mountains and a parallel. Yet, within that boundary, imaginary or waterlogged, lies allegiance. We, if Kentuckians, call it an “Old Home,” and sing songs about its grass and horses. We, if Kentuckians, claim it as home no matter our current reside elsewhere. We, as Kentuckians, perhaps the most homesick of the 50 states when away. But it’s just a border, established in 1792, completed with final purchase in 1818.

I’m from that purchase. My Kentucky was founded at the back end. No further can one go west than Fulton County. A river keeps us in, a border welcomes us southward to Tennessee. And to the rest of the encased Kentucky, we may

not even exist. Warfield would know that feeling. Some 450 miles to the east, still in state, staring across to Kermit, West Virginia. Another river, yet with a bridge. No different, they may well be forgotten about to.

The Map Dots of Kentucky are spread far and near across the boundaries set forth in 1792, expanded in 1818. As Lexington and Louisville far outpaced other settlements for size, Kentuckians, those living within the border at any point in the land, still made a mark tucked away in hollers, hills, knobs, and bottomlands. They lived at the crossroads, the country stores, the farmlands, and the coalfields.

They called this area home, too. I sat out to see the others in 2013. It began as a quest to cover more hiking ground, and ended up as a quest to see the whole of Kentucky. Every single spot

in the state. To compare it with the others, especially with the others that received the most attention. What was Kentucky? Was it the polished, presented parts seen on Derby Day on national TV?

Was it the stereotyped images from the 1960s still etched in War On Poverty lore? What was out there? What was real? Was it even worth mentioning? I found out in an exploration that lasted a year. A road trip to every county. With the bent of a protest, having to work seven days a week as a welder in Bowling Green, the chip on my shoulder and statement to make made for an even better reason to get out and go.

So I did. And found out that border-wrapped passion, one mile at a time. You can see what I discovered online. Facebook/MapDotKentucky. Merry Christmas, friends.



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# Community News

## Area Obituaries

### George Beshears

George “PeeWee” Beshears, 72, of Burkley, Ky., died at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 2013.

He was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church and had worked and retired from the state highway department as a heavy equipment operator.

Surviving are his daughter, Donna Kay Dodson of Milburn; his granddaughter, Dianna Nicole Dodson of Milburn; one sister, Kay (James) Anderson of Lone Oak; one brother, Danny (Laura) Beshears of Arlington; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Burgess Beshears; and one grandchild. His parents were George F. and Mable Burge Beshears.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 at Burkley Cemetery, with Rev. Wallace Smith officiating.

Milner & Orr Funeral Home in Bardwell was in charge of arrangements.

### Guy Gray

Guy Lee Gray, 62, of Union City, Tenn. formerly of Clinton, Ky., died at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec 8, 2013 at his home.

He was a self-employed mechanic.

Surviving are his wife, Cary Daniel Gray; two sons, Joey Gray and Jimmy Gray, both of Clinton; two daughters, Shellie Boaz of Clinton and Jamie Gray Akal of Washington; one step-daughter, Wendy Lofton of Tiptonville, Tenn.; one sister, Wanda Louise Suiter of Mayfield, Ky.; two brothers, James Gray of Clinton and James Jones of Fulton; and 14 grandchildren

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Deborah Edwards and Tracey Gray; one stepson, Terry Lofton; and twin sisters, Lucy and Linda Gray. His parents were Guy Gray and Ollie Mae Jones Gray.

Services will be at 12 noon Tuesday, Dec. 10 at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton. Rev. Larry Byassee will officiate, with burial in Zion Cemetery

Friends may call from 10 a.m. - noon Tuesday at the funeral home.

Donations can be made to Baptist Hospice of Union City, PO Box 621, Union City, TN 38281,

### H.C. Elementary School Christmas Play will be December 13

Reindeer with superhero powers?? That’s right! Come and watch as the students in K-3 at Hickman County Elementary perform their musical play The Incredible Reindeer. You will be amazed by Laser Squint, Might Moose, Robo Guy, and Hyper Speed. They are truly INCREDIBLE!!! Hope to see you there on Friday, Dec. 13 at 1:30. In case of snow, play will be performed the next week.

### Henry Minor

Henry “Deno” Minor, 60, of Fulton, Ky., died at 2:20 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013 at Parkway Regional Hospital ER in Fulton.

He was a member of the New Beginning Ministries, Jacksonville Lodge # 50 Free and Accepted Masons (Prince Hall Affiliated) and Fulton Tourism Board. He owned Deno’s BBQ in Fulton and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Henry Minor He is survived by his wife, Valarie Miner; one daughter, Lai (Andre) Brooks of Arlington, Tenn.; four brothers, John (Diane) Miner of St. Louis, Mo.; William (Valarie) Minor of South Fulton, Tenn., Carl (Darlene) Minor of Union City, Tenn. and Johnny Davis of Chicago, Ill.; four sisters, Helen Ann (Allen) Dickerson of South Fulton, Dorothy Jean Minor of Holladay, Utah, Annie Lee Minor of Kankakee, Ill. and Wanda Fay Minor of Milwaukee, Wis.; an one grandchild, Armani Brooks of Arlington, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Alice Mae Burton; and four other siblings. His parents were John Henry and Ethel Mae Pritchard Minor.

Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at Fulton City High School, with Masonic and Military Services at Greenlea Cemetery



## USDA NRCS in Kentucky Announces 2014 Farm Bill Program Participation

Lexington, KY., November 25, 2013— The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kentucky is encouraging landowners, farmers and producers to visit their local NRCS office now to receive information and apply for conservation technical assistance and possible financial funding opportunities. The application process for NRCS’s conservation programs is continuous, but funding selections for specific programs are made throughout the year. For the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) the first application cutoff period date for consideration for 2014 funds is January 17, 2014. Applications received after January 17, 2014, will be held until the next application cut off period, which will be April 18, 2014.

NRCS Acting State Conservationist Jack Kuhn announced this month that technical and financial assistance is available to eligible applicants for the EQIP. EQIP is a conservation program that provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers who face threats to soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. Through EQIP, NRCS develops contracts

At Second Baptist we didn’t have church Wednesday night due to the parking lot being paved, and no church Sunday because of the winter weather. So I will share a devotional by Dr. David Jeremiah.

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 14:26  
Today there are numerous ways to have ready access to the Bible. Most people have multiple printed Bibles, and more versions are available on the Internet. We can also access the Bible from our smartphones, digital music players, pads or tablets, and computers (not to mention CDs and DVDs). While the digital revolution has helped multiply copies of God’s Word, there has been an unintended negative impact on an important spiritual disciplinereLATEDtotheBible: Scripture memorization. Why memorize something that you can call up anytime, anywhere on a digital device?

It was different in the biblical era. Copies of Scripture were extremely rare, especially in the Old Testament. For that reason, it was necessary to memorize the text mostly through listening. And when we hide God’s Word in our mind and heart (Psalm 119:11), we have one-upped the digital age. Whatever

with agricultural producers to voluntarily implement conservation practices. Persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production and owners of non-industrial private forestland are eligible for this program. Eligible land includes cropland, pastureland, private non-industrial forestland, and other farm or ranch lands.

EQIP offers several National and State Initiatives which include the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watershed Initiative, Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative, Organic Initiative, On-Farm Energy Initiative, Wildlife Initiative, and Forestry Initiative. Interested land users should visit their local NRCS Office to find out what opportunities are available through each of these EQIP Initiatives.

A second conservation program, WHIP, offers opportunities through the Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW), which focuses on the recovery of certain at-risk, threatened or endangered wildlife species while helping other vulnerable and game species that depend on similar habitat. In Kentucky, the Golden-winged Warbler is the species of concern for parts of 12 Kentucky counties including Bell, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Knott, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, McCreary, Perry, Pike and Whitley.

“We’re urging producers to get their applications in

you have memorized is available for the Holy Spirit to use at a moment’s notice as a doctrine, a reproof, a correction, teaching, or comfort (2 Timothy 3:16).

Yes, the digital age has many benefits. But it is still up to us to put God’s Word in the one place where it is always available: in our mind.

Happy Birthday this week to: Amanda Cunningham. Happy Anniversary to Jarred and Crystal Janes.

Pray for Jimmy Cox, Wayne & Glenda Tankersley, Fred & Phyliss Cox, Ronald Stairs, Dorothy Hoskins, Thomas Dublin, David and Irene Sartin, Tom Baker, Billy Lamb, Buddy Rielly, Teen Garrison, Cynthia Walton, Martha Grubbs, Faye Crewes, Austin Upshaw, Helen Holmes, Josh Harpole, Josephine Shadwick, Mildred Morrison, Eloise Harrison, Paul & Jackie Ballard, Mike & Sherry Jones, Edna Roper, Ruth Brewer, Darla Turner, Howell Cannon, Judy Frasier, Amanda Spillman, Russell Mitchell, Kay Jones, Howell Cannon, Ronald & Carolyn Stairs, Tim Connell, Fred & Phyliss Cox, Chad Ballard and the Gibson family.

Visitors are always welcome at Second Baptist Church. Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday night worship service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday night 7 p.m. Pastor Bro. Dustin Cunningham.

as soon as possible to be considered for this year’s funding,” said Kuhn.

All recipients of assistance are required to develop a conservation plan. Conservation planning is an integral part of the conservation process. Landowners should work with a conservation planner to develop the plan based on the landowner’s operational goals to improve the productivity, sustainability and profitability of their operation. The conservation plan will serve as a roadmap to a variety of technical assistance and financial assistance through EQIP and WHIP, as well as other options available to the landowner. “We’re getting back to our roots with conservation planning,” says Kuhn. “Conservation planning is the vital first step in understanding natural resources on your land, and also understanding how technical and financial conservation assistance can be incorporated into your operation to help you help the land.” He added, “Now is the time to contact your local NRCS Field Office to develop a conservation plan.”

For more information visit NRCS on the web at [www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov) or contact your local NRCS service center at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>.

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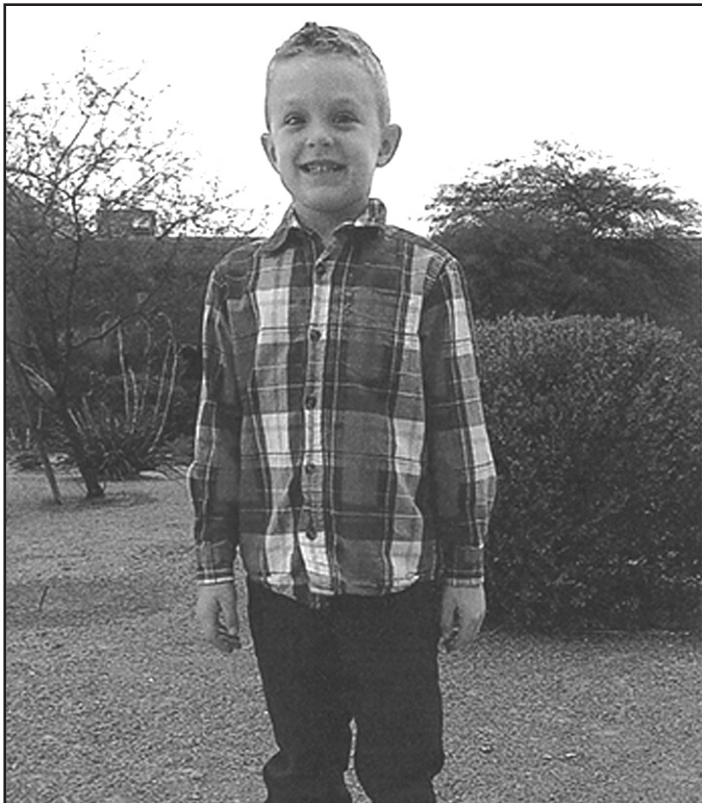
By Pastor Tom Hoskins

PANDEMONIUM OR PEACE? It is now the path from brown Thursday through Christmas Eve, that unusual season of the year when society is swirling like a Texan twister. There is pushing and shoving to the tune of the cash register ring or the plopping of plastic on the counter. Tome folk stay up all night in hopes of being first in line to purchase electronic gadgets and other items. I saw on TV shoppers wrestling on the floor over some item. The security guard struggled trying to get

some order out of disorder.

Is this what Christmas is all about-pandemonium? Is it all about bargains and buying gifts one can’t afford and no one really needs, and sometimes doesn’t want? Or, is Christmas about peace, the peace the angels sang about at Christ’s birth? If one can have the greatest gift man ever received for the asking, Christ himself, why do folks go to such lengths to acquire those things that do not compare to that gift? Did not the wise men seek Jesus?

## Bragging rights for grandparents



Randy and Nancy Pruitt’s grandson, Tyce Greer, was chosen Citizen of the Month for his first grade class at Acatia Elementary School in Vail, Ariz. His parents Chad and Krista Greer received a letter from the principal of the school that read:

Your child has been selected by his classroom teacher as the “Citizen of the Month” for his class. To be selected he must display quality characteristics as measured by our “In The Loop” expectations.

I would like to request permission for your student to eat lunch with me on Friday, Nov. 23. During this time we will eat lunch, talk and complete an All About Me poster. These posters will be put on display so other students can see the outstanding citizenship modeled by your son.

Randy and Nancy are very proud of Tyce and his little sister, Holland, who is four years old.

## Surprise birthday reception at Young Center

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### Every Monday:

• AA meets at 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Clinton.

### First Monday:

• Masonic Lodge 131 F&AM meets the first Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m.

### Second Monday:

• Library Board meets the second Monday at the library at 4.

• **The Hickman Co. Arts Council** meets at 4 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at the Young Center.

The public is invited to attend. www.hickmancoarts.com.

### Every Wednesday:

• 7 a.m.- Community Prayer

Service at First United Methodist Church.

### Every Wednesday and Saturday:

• **The Hickman Co. Museum** is open every Wednesday from 1 - 4 p.m..

• **Hickman Co. Memorial Library** Open Tuesday through Friday from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

• **Hickman Co. Board of Education** normally meets the third Thursday of every month

• **Clinton City Council** meets first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Clinton City Hall and **Columbus City Council** meets at 6 p.m., the first Monday of the month at Columbus City Hall.

• **The Mission House** is open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and first Saturday of the month.

• **Hickman Co. Elementary School** will have a Christmas play on Friday, Dec. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

## Assistance available for area veterans

Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. This is a free service provided by the state of Kentucky. For more information please contact Ron McClure, Regional Field Representative, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) at (270) 247-2455 ext. 73905, or email ronald.mcclure@ky.gov.

Schedule for week of December 16 - 20, 2013.

**Mon, December 16,** Mayfield, VA Clinic, 1253 Paris Rd, By Appointment, walk-ins will be scheduled an appointment. Visit the Clinic or phone 270-247-2455 ext. 73905 to schedule an appointment.

**Tue, December 17,** NOT AVAILABLE

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Through support of local Relay For Life events, the American Cancer Society offers information through its nationwide help line-1-800-227-2345 – for cancer patients, family members, friends of cancer patients, and others who have questions about cancer – at anytime, day or night.

By calling the National Cancer information Center (NCIC) at 1-800-227-2345, patients can speak to an information specialist and receive information on various types of cancer, cancer

treatments, how to manage symptoms, prevention and detection guidelines, and many other topics. This can take place at anytime-in the middle of the day, 3 in the morning, or even on Christmas Day or New Year's Eve.

The NCIC can then contact the Paducah American Cancer Society office to provide local cancer resources, such as support groups, patient service programs, and social services.

The American Cancer Society is the only national organization that can provide both comprehensive cancer information and local resources.

The Society's National Cancer information Center can also accommodate Spanish-speaking individuals. The NCIS uses a translation service to assist those

who speak other languages, ensuring that all callers can access and receive accurate cancer-related information.

Providing the NCIC 1-800 number is one of the ways the American Cancer Society helps people get well and stay well. The American Cancer Society also offers additional information on screenings for early detection and cancer prevention, plus additional services like Reach to Recovery, Road to Recovery and Hope Lodge facilities for cancer patients. The Society is also involved in funding cancer research grants, and advocacy for patients and caregivers through the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACSCAN).

For additional information, visit online at www.cancer.org, www.relayforlife.org or www.acscan.org.

## Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge Eagle tours



Beginning Dec.19th, 2013, The Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge will start conducting bald eagle tours. There is no cost for the tour and each tour lasts 2-3 hours. The tours will be offered Thursday through Saturday, ending February 28th. Tour times are 8:00 am and 12:00 pm, and reservations are required due to limited space. Five visitors can be taken per time slot. Participants are encouraged to dress warmly and to bring cameras and binoculars. A spotting scope will be provided and binoculars are available for visitor loan. The tour takes visitors on both units of Reelfoot NWR, which are Grassy Island and Long Point. Other areas will also be visited where eagles are spotted on a regular basis. Both refuge units have observation towers for viewing eagles, waterfowl, and other wildlife. Grassy Island offers a boardwalk with railings that leads to the viewing tower which provides great photo opportunities of Reelfoot Lake, while Long Point provides spectacular viewing opportunities for ducks, geese and eagles. For further information, directions, or to make reservations for tours, contact Reelfoot NWR

at (731)538-2481. Tour times go quickly, so reserve your spot early.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 150 million acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 550 National Wildlife Refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 National fish hatcheries, 63 Fish and Wildlife Management offices, and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of moneys in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

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2. The items except items #5 and #6 shall be sold item by item.

3. Items #5 and #6 shall be sold individually and together as a combined unit with the sale going to the highest price whether individually or as a combined unit.

4. This sale may be cancelled; and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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**ROTARY PROGRAM** - Eric Blalock, head coach for the Hickman County High School Falcon basketball team, spoke at Clinton Rotary last week about the upcoming season. He brought with him the six seniors on the team. They include James Bolen, Dylan Crass, Ryan Harpole, Harley Hinshaw, Billy Speed, and Nate Newton. They are shown here with Clinton Rotary member Daniel Richardson, far right, and Clinton Rotary Program Committee Chairperson Mary Jo Duke.

## Harper book signing event rescheduled for Friday

The book-signing event in honor of Jacob Harper has been rescheduled for this Friday night, December 13. During the intermission between the second and last home ballgames against Carlisle County, Harper will be in the library speaking about his recently published science fiction book Genesis Origins. Harper will

personalize copies of his book for anyone who wishes to purchase one. Admission to the event is free, and it is open to the public.



## Book signing to be held for local teacher/author

Micah Gardner, a teacher at Hickman County High School, will be the featured guest at a book signing event hosted by Hickman County High School Library on Tuesday night, December 17. During the intermission between the second and last home ballgames against Fulton County that night, Gardner will be in the library speaking about her book, *True North*, the first book in her Triskel Devices series. Gardner will personalize copies of her book for anyone who wishes to



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## Planning College Campus Visits? 3 Important Criteria to Look for in Evaluating Dining

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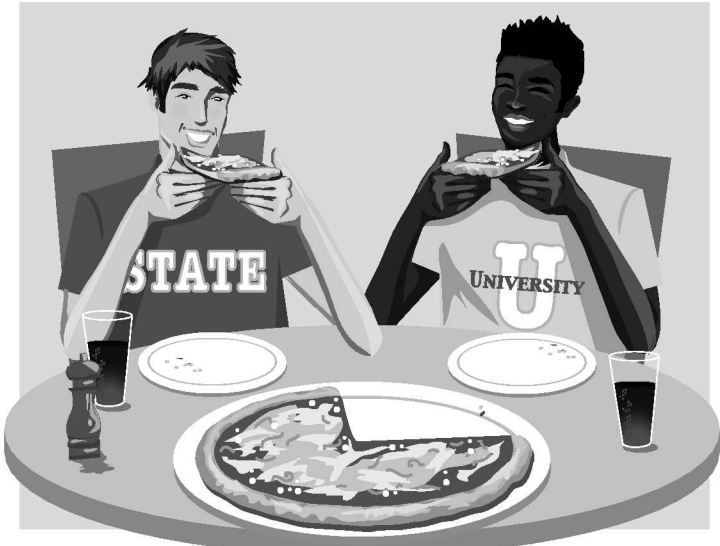
Those who met early application deadlines in November now face filling out the hefty Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. And students who didn't apply early should be working hard on applications to meet regular deadlines, usually in January.

"There's a lot to get done and one of the most important things to remember is to know your deadlines and meet them," advises David Porter, a consultant to colleges and universities throughout North America and author of "The Porter Principles," a guide to college success through social engineering, (www.porterkhouwconsulting.com).

As students and their families visit college campuses, Porter says they should pay attention to the classroom outside of the classroom and the details of campus life: What are the wholesome opportunities for socially rich student engagement and study on-campus? What extra-curriculars are offered and how accessible are they? What does the college paper reveal about campus issues, concerns and opportunities?

One often overlooked feature is the structure of campus dining, Porter says.

"Many universities require freshmen to live on campus for the first year because administrators know that students who live and dine on campus have higher GPAs and higher graduation rates than those who don't. A properly



socially engineered dining/learning commons is central to the day-to-day lives of all students living on-campus and is crucial for face-to-face social networking and study with fellow students," he says.

"But these same universities often fail to realize that student dining is as much -- even more -- a factor in developing a sense of community and predicting future success. This is the centerpiece of 'the classroom outside of the classroom'."

He offers these suggestions for evaluating campus dining commons:

- **Is there a centralized dining hall (or halls), or are food locations scattered?** A dining commons is the living room of the campus, a place where students come together and pause long enough to meet, talk, make friends, see and be seen, relax, study and collaborate. "These are all vital not only to bonding but to learning how to socialize with

fellow students from a wide variety of backgrounds in a neutral environment," Porter says. "That provides once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to develop and nurture valuable networking skills for their personal and future professional lives. If the meal plan encourages them to scatter across campus -- or go off campus -- to pick up fast foods eaten in isolation, vital opportunities are lost, he says.

- **What are the hours of operation?** Students live on a different clock than most of us. For many students, 11 p.m. is the middle of the day. Is the dining/learning commons open, thus respecting and being conducive to their (not our) lifestyle? If so, does it offer more than microwave pizza and hot dogs? These are all vital not only to bonding but to learning how to socialize and collaborate with current and new friends in a wholesome, social, safe on-campus environment," Porter

says. "If the place isn't open when they're hungry, they'll go elsewhere and miss that socialization opportunity."

- **How far is the dining hall from dorms and the academic core of campus?** "I once consulted with a university that was mystified about why two dining halls got lots of student traffic, while the third -- the most beautiful -- was largely ignored," Porter says. "When I visited, I discovered the dining hall had been built on top of a rather steep hill on the far edge of campus. The location offered great views, but the climb was a bear!" Dining halls should be within easy reach of both dorms and classroom buildings in the academic core or students simply won't use them.

### About David Porter

David Porter, FCSI, is chief executive officer and president of Porter Khouw Consulting, Inc., a foodservice master planning and design firm based in Crofton, Maryland. David has more than 40 years of hands-on food service operations and consulting experience and is a professional member of the Foodservice Consultants Society International. Porter Khouw Consulting has worked with more than 350 clients to conduct market research and develop strategic plans, master plans and designs for the college and university market. Porter is a graduate of the prestigious hospitality program at Michigan State University and has been recognized repeatedly as a leader in his field.

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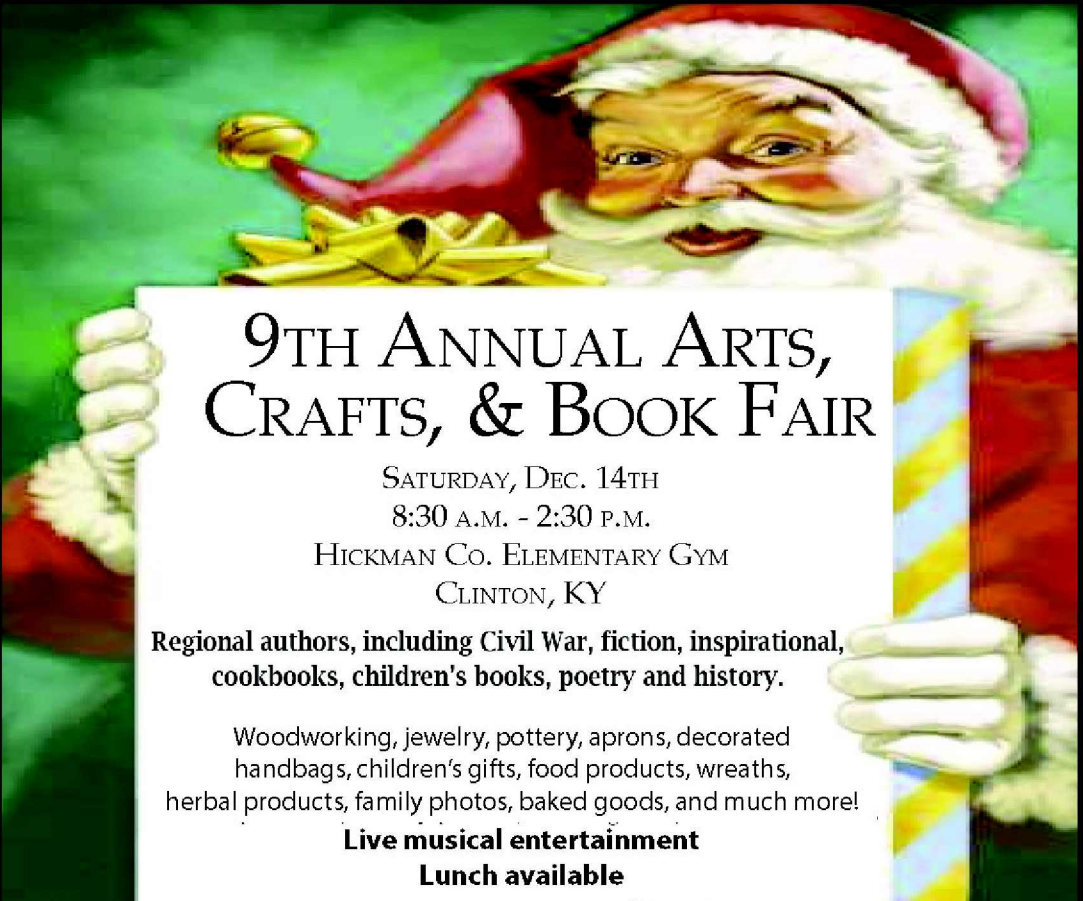


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